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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully present this response ("Response") to the July 9, 2008 Final Office Action ("Office Action").

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REMARKS

No amendments to the claims are presented in this Response. Claims 1-5, 12-14, 39-41 and 82-84 have been allowed. The remaining claims, namely claims 6-11, 15-30, 32-38, 58, 153, 154, 156, 158, 161-165 and 167 have been rejected in view of *Hartung, et al.*, by itself, or in combination with other secondary references. This Response is directed solely to the issue of diligence. Applicants defer argument, without prejudice, regarding the merits of the rejection of the claims on the prior art.

Initially, Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for his confirmation that the evidence submitted through the previously filed declarations of record is sufficient to establish (i) conception of the claimed invention prior to the *Hartung, et al.* reference [Office Action, ¶ 16], and (ii) diligence from July 1994 to the August 14, 1995 priority date of the